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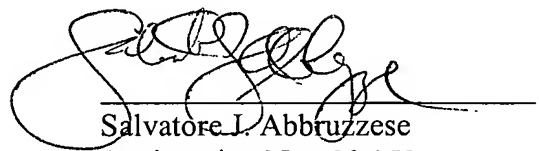
REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is being submitted to properly claim priority to the parent application, No. 09/347,218, filed July 2, 199, now U.S. Patent No. 6,652,570. A copy of the Application Transmittal is attached hereto in support of this claim. Please see pages 1-3 where applicant has made reference to this claim of priority. Additionally, on page 3, we specifically state the following:

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or Declaration is supplied, is considered as being a part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for examination and favorable action is therefore solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response, the undersigned would be pleased to address them by telephone.

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